

NEWS LETTER



15th October 2020

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Black History Month in the Library

A big thank you to Samantha Hayes-Holgate (Year 13) for donating her Jack Petchey prize money to the library and helping to increase our book collection celebrating Black History and authors. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions not all students will be able to visit the library to see the collection, but if you visit the Virtual Library on Google Classroom I am posting information about our new books during the Black History Month. If you would like to borrow any books, please email carey_r@bexleygs.co.uk.

Mrs Carey, School Librarian





Year 8 News

This week saw the initial meeting of the **Year 8 Student Voice** group.

Each form has recently selected two student representatives. The purpose of the group is to discuss matters relating to the Year 8 community, and facilitate an opportunity for students to be involved in sharing their ideas and suggestions.

This week we focused on the adjustments to the school environment since our return in September, and how the year group has adapted to these changes.

Access to the canteen, lockers and extra-curricular activities were amongst the topics discussed.

Thank you to all those who put themselves forward to be form reps, and for the contributions towards the discussion.

Mrs Spencer
Senior Academic Mentor, Year 8





PE News

It has been so lovely to see so many girls back to extra-curricular clubs this term. Full of smiles, energy and enthusiasm! If anyone would still like to join, please look at the clubs that are currently on offer:

- Year 9 Netball Tuesday morning 7.45am- 8.30am
- Year 8 Netball Thursday morning 8am- 8.30am
- Year 8 Rugby Wednesday after school (Week B) 3.10pm- 4.30pm
- Year 7 Netball Tuesday after school 3.10pm- 4.20pm
- Year 7 Football Thursday after school 3.10pm- 4.30pm

Advance warning:

During curriculum time, Year 7 and 8 girls will be taking part in football and tag rugby on the fields and will require the use of boots and shin pads. These will be needed after the October half term break. If your child can borrow these to save you purchasing them, **please ensure you adhere to the Covid health and hygiene rules.**

Girls PE Department



With the Year 7 netballers on Tuesday, and the Year 9 rugby players on Wednesday - we're up to over 600 attendees at our extra-curricular clubs in the last 5 weeks. We can't do everything given we can only have one year group at a time, but it has been great to see so many active students. More will follow after half term. Thank you to all the students who are coming along.



Great to get the Year 8s back to rugby training on Wednesday, and with the girls too, who joined us for the first time. Special thanks to Mia, whose Jack Petchey Foundation award bought our new tackle bags.



Mr Lines, Head of PE





Bikeability Level 3—Advanced Cyclist Training

Bexley Council is offering FREE Level 3 Cycle Training during the half term holiday for students, to enable them to do so more safely.

Places are limited so parents who are interested should apply as soon as possible. If you would like your child to participate please click on the link [here](#) to download the consent form. Completed forms should be sent to: roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk.

Bexley Council will contact parents directly to arrange a suitable time for your child to take part.

Mrs Gradley, School Council/ Charities Coordinator



Cycle to School



FREE Half term holiday training course for Bexley's secondary students

Thinking of riding your bike to and from school?
SIGN UP FOR LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TRAINING

- One to one training
- Route planning (normally to and from school)
- Dates available throughout the holidays

Bikeability Level 3 is advanced training for students who are already experienced /competent Level 2 cyclists.

The course takes place over a 2 hour session and is designed to prepare you to cycle longer/more complex journeys (including routes to school). Training takes place on busier main roads and covers advanced skills such as filtering, hazard perception/management, multi-lane roads, roundabouts etc.

You must have your own (roadworthy) bicycle and an approved cyclist safety helmet (not full faced).

Contact the
Road Safety Team
to book your place

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Civic Offices
2, Watling Street
Bexleyheath
DA6 7AT
Kent DA15 7JH

TEL: 020 0345 5753

EMAIL:

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I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting YoungMinds' #HelloYellow day held on 9th October 2020 for World Mental Health Day. 2020 hasn't been the year we all imagined it would be, it's been tough. Lockdown and the closure of schools have had a devastating effect on children and young people's mental health. It's been unbelievably hard, but together, we have made a difference and shown young people they are not alone. At a time when it's needed most, we had an amazing day filled with joy and colour and lots of smiles.

Miss Brand, Mental Health Lead



School Photo Years 7 and 12

Students in Years 7 and 12 will bring home their school photograph packs. Please follow the instructions and to take advantage of the 25% EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT and order your and photographs by Thursday 22nd October.

If you have any queries please email customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net



We know that many families have busy lives so we thought you might appreciate a gentle

Order by Thursday 22nd October

Don't forget to order your school photographs and do try to get your order in before the earlybird deadline* so that you qualify for the

25% EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

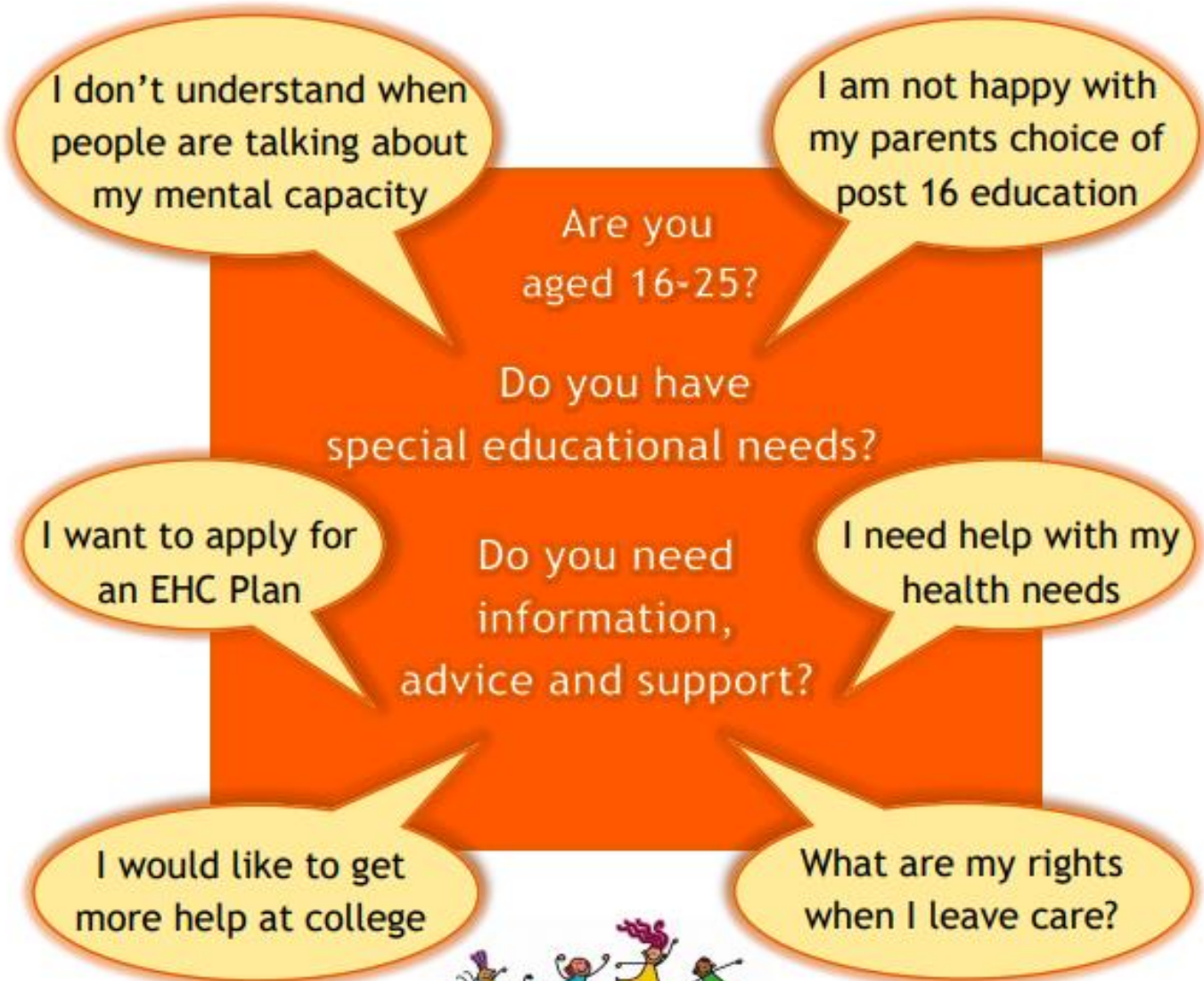


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We are an independent service providing impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people aged up to 25 years with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers

Bexley Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS)
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Bexley Independent, Advice and Support service (IASS)



Information, Advice, and Support you can get

What Should Happen?



Are you aged 25 and Under?

Are you disabled or do you have special educational needs?

Special educational needs are when you need extra support to learn things.



The law says that you can get information, advice and support.



You can come to us if you want some help with getting the right kind of:

Support at **School, College or Training**

Health Services

Care and Support



Most people who are **16 years old or more** and have finished **Year 11** can make their own decisions about their school or support.

If you would like a parent or carer to help then that is OK. It is up to you.

If you are **under 16 years old**, then we will need to talk to your parents or carers before we make any decisions.



Our service is **impartial**. This means we will not tell you what to do. We will not take sides.

We will give you the information and support you need to make your own choices.



Our service is **confidential**. That means our meetings will be private. We will only tell people what we talk about if you say it is ok. We also need to tell someone if we think you are in danger of being hurt.

Contact us

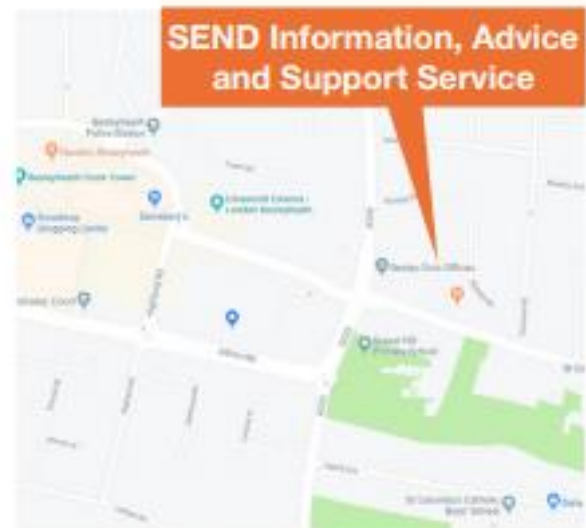
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The information, advice and support BEXLEY IASS offer is impartial and FREE. We will not pass your information on to anyone without your permission.



Do you have a child who needs extra support?

Get independent and confidential information advice and support around issues relating to special educational needs and disabilities for parents, carers, children and young people aged 0-25.





How can IASS help you?

We offer a range of support and advice for parents and carers who have children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) including:

- Advice about SEN support in schools
- Information and advice about education, health and care plans (EHCP)
- Support with transition between stages of education
- Help you prepare for meetings
- Help and support with exclusions
- Support and advice about transport
- Provide advice about education law relating to special educational needs and disabilities
- Help with appeals to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal

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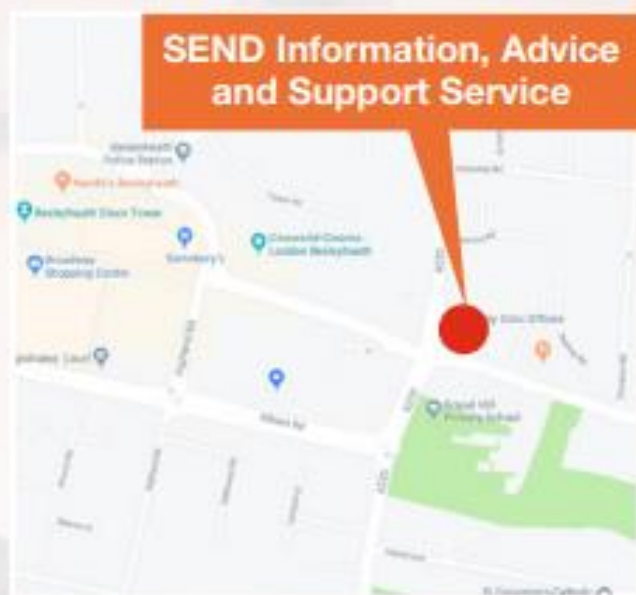
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Lost Property ~ Important Notice

Lost Property has become overwhelming again this term. Please may we remind parents to ensure that **all clothing and equipment is clearly labelled with their child's name** to enable us to return missing articles to their owners.

Below is a list of clothing and PE kits handed in just this week alone:

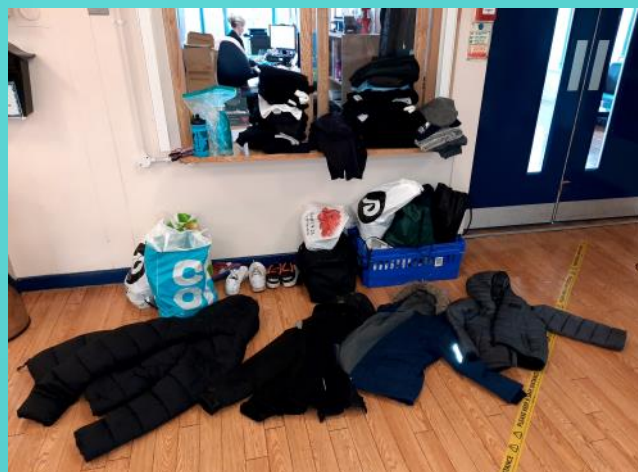
- 5 rugby shirts
- 5 Jumpers
- 7 various pairs of trainers/ football boots
- 2 tracksuit bottoms
- 3 black shorts
- 6 coats
- 7 unnamed PE kits

If your child has lost clothing (uniform, coats, PE kits, trainers, football boots etc.) or equipment (glasses, pencil cases, water bottles etc.) The lost property reporting system is up and running for items which have been mislaid in school since the beginning of this term. If your child has lost an item since the beginning of September please click on the link [here](#) to report it.

Please help us to help you by clearly labelling your child's uniform & equipment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Reception Team





News items you may have missed

Announcing our music extra-curricular programme!

MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR GROUPS AUTUMN 2020

ALL GROUPS TAKE PLACE AT 3.30PM
AND FINISH AT 4:30PM.

MONDAY	<p><u>SENIOR CHOIR</u> with Mrs Goddard Y9-13 School Hall + Virtual</p>		
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WEDNESDAY	<p><u>JUNIOR CHOIR</u> Y7 - Mrs Eacott, School Hall Y8 - Mrs Casling, Gym</p>		
THURSDAY	<p><u>STRING ENSEMBLE</u> with Mrs Eacott Gym</p>		
FRIDAY	<p><u>ORCHESTRA</u> with Mrs Goddard and Ms Casling Grade 2+.</p> <p>School Hall, Gym + Virtual.</p>		

**JUNIOR JAZZ AND BIG BAND WILL BE
TAKING PLACE VIRTUALLY**

Students must apply for these groups using the Google form [HERE](#). Please ask them to sign in to their BGS account to complete this. If you have any issues in signing up, or wish to ask further questions about our enrichment programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Music Department.



Forthcoming events/ Important dates for your diary

October

Monday 19th ~ Week B

Thursday 22nd - Year 13, IB Mock Examinations finish

Monday 12th ~ Virtual Open Event for Year 7 entry in September 2021- opens for several weeks on www.bexleygs.co.uk

Thursday 22nd ~ last full school day before Half Term

Friday 23rd October to Monday 2nd November HALF TERM
(school closed to students ~ please note that the Friday before & the Monday after the usual half term week are also part of the holiday)

November

Tuesday 3rd ~ First school day following Half Term (all students return to school)

Monday 9th ~ Friday 13th - GCSE Mock Examinations